

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**KOTZEBUE CHUM SALMON FISHERY REOPENS; HARVEST TOPS 300,000**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 6 hours from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday, August 26 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Sunday night's 5-hour opening was 2,874 chum salmon by 13 permit holders. The catch was average for the last week of August.

The 2013 chum salmon commercial harvest has now topped 300,000 fish for the first time since 1988. Congratulations to Kotzebue Sound fishermen and to Great Pacific Seafoods for being able to handle this year's catch volume.

The Kobuk River test fishing crew has finished for the season. The chum salmon catch index was the highest in the 21 year project history.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.